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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Die Gehlen-Story in "Quick"  
Magazine

1. This appeared in an eight-part serialization (each part two to three pages long) in "Quick" during October and November 1971 immediately after the publication of Gehlen's book in Germany.

2. Die Gehlen-Story draws on Gehlen's book; on the Hoehne/Zolling book; interestingly, also on "Moskau Ruft Heinz Felfe," the book written by the BND in answer to an expected book by Felfe (according to Gehlen's English-language edition, Ehmke vetoed the idea); some 20 friends of Gehlen were interviewed; finally "Quick" interviewed Gehlen himself.

3. While the series has the usual stuff about Foreign Armies East, the Vlasov story, the founding of the Org, the Felfe story, the Stashinsky story, it is more a portrait of Gehlen himself. There is one section on his childhood, another on his love for riding, his family, and other personal details. Gehlen supplied a great deal of the material, which does not appear elsewhere, including several photographs, obviously from the family album. The final section in the series is an interview with Gehlen in which he repeats his feelings about the future relationship with international communism, which he expounded in the last three chapters of his book.

4. There is nothing new on Felfe. There is a short section on the Bormann bit. Gehlen was recently interviewed by a Landgerichtsrat on what he had said about Bormann (Soviet agent during the war; reported by two BND agents believed to be alive and well in the USSR ca. 1960 - I can believe the first but not the second.) While the Landgerichtsrat isn't saying much because the whole thing is Geheim, he does not add anything to the story of the two agents. When interviewed by "Quick", he said something like: "When a man with the reputation and experience of Gehlen, who has taken so much trouble to check his sources, makes such a statement, then one cannot lightly dismiss it."

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5. Neither CIA nor USG has any reason to complain. Indeed about the only time we are mentioned is in a caption under a picture of Gehlen's house which says "The DM30,000 house was paid for with a mortgage not--as is often maintained -- by CIA." Unless memory fails me, the price was DM 24,000, but we certainly can't complain.

6. Mr. Critchfield reported that Weßel, the Pastorensohn, was upset because the cover of the last number, containing the interview, had color photographs of no less than 12 pairs of naked breasts (female), and eight which were barely covered. "Quick" goes in for this sort of thing in a big way.

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